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ECOLOGY OF CHILIKA LAGOON
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) The steps proposed/taken by the Government for Eco-restoration of Chilika lagoon in Orissa ;

(b) the total amount required to implement the scheme; and

(c) the Central assistance provided therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Various steps undertaken by Government for eco-restoration of Chilika Lagoon include major activity of hydrological intervention by opening of a new mouth and development of lead channels to improve the circulation, flushing and auto recruitment of species. Among the other activities undertaken have been silt control,improvement of water exchange and salinity gradient, restoration of Nalaban ecosystem for migratory birds, upliftment of socio economic conditions,improvement of road network, fisheries development, catchment treatment,desiltation of outer channel, weed control and establishment of center for wetland management.

(b) & (c) The Chilika Development Authority has received Rs 27,00 crores and Rs30.00 crores as per the recommendations of tenth and eleventh finance commission Â¦` !I respectively,! The 12th finance commission has also recommended an amount of Rs30.00 croresjfor the period 2006-10. Besides, Ministry of Environment and Forests has also released Rs.7.28 crores for restoration of Chilika Lagoon so far.